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To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct certain offshore oil and gas lease sales, and for other purposes.

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Mr. HASTINGS of Washington (for himself, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. FLEMING, Mr. LANDRY, Mr. FLORES, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. BROUN of Georgia, Mr. TIPTON, Mr. GOHMERT, Mr. DENHAM, Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee, Mr. NUNES, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mr. GRIMM, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. ROSS of Florida, Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mrs. MYRICK, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. POMPEO, Mr. OLSON, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. WESTMORELAND, Mr. LONG, Mr. SIMPSON, Ms. JENKINS, Mr. KELLY, Mr. RIGELL, Mr. HELLER, and Mrs. HARTZLER) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Restarting American
5 Offshore Leasing Now Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT PROPOSED OIL AND**
2 **GAS LEASE SALE 216 IN THE CENTRAL GULF**
3 **OF MEXICO.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall
5 conduct offshore oil and gas Lease Sale 216 under section
6 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (33 U.S.C.
7 1337) as soon as practicable, but not later than 4 months
8 after the date of enactment of this Act.

9 (b) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.—For the purposes of
10 that lease sale, the Environmental Impact Statement for
11 the 2007–2012 5-Year OCS Plan and the Multi-Sale Envi-
12 ronmental Impact Statement are deemed to satisfy the re-
13 quirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of
14 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

15 **SEC. 3. REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT PROPOSED OIL AND**
16 **GAS LEASE SALE 218 IN THE WESTERN GULF**
17 **OF MEXICO.**

18 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall
19 conduct offshore oil and gas Lease Sale 218 under section
20 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (33 U.S.C.
21 1337) as soon as practicable, but not later than 8 months
22 after the date of enactment of this Act.

23 (b) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.—For the purposes of
24 that lease sale, the Environmental Impact Statement for
25 the 2007–2012 5-Year OCS Plan and the Multi-Sale Envi-
26 ronmental Impact Statement are deemed to satisfy the re-

1 quirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of
2 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

3 **SEC. 4. REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT PROPOSED OIL AND**
4 **GAS LEASE SALE 220 ON THE OUTER CONTI-**
5 **NENTAL SHELF OFFSHORE VIRGINIA.**

6 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall
7 conduct offshore oil and gas Lease Sale 220 under section
8 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (33 U.S.C.
9 1337) as soon as practicable, but not later than one year
10 after the date of enactment of this Act.

11 (b) PROHIBITION ON CONFLICTS WITH MILITARY
12 OPERATIONS.—The Secretary shall not make any tract
13 available for leasing under this section if the President,
14 through the Secretary of Defense, determines that drilling
15 activity on that tract would create an unreasonable con-
16 flict with military operations.

17 **SEC. 5. REQUIREMENT TO CONDUCT PROPOSED OIL AND**
18 **GAS LEASE SALE 222 IN THE CENTRAL GULF**
19 **OF MEXICO.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Interior shall
21 conduct offshore oil and gas Lease Sale 222 under section
22 8 of the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (33 U.S.C.
23 1337) as soon as practicable, but not later than June 1,
24 2012.

1 (b) ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.—For the purposes of
2 that lease sale, the Environmental Impact Statement for
3 the 2007–2012 5-Year OCS Plan and the Multi-Sale Envi-
4 ronmental Impact Statement are deemed to satisfy the re-
5 quirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of
6 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

7 **SEC. 6. DEFINITIONS.**

8 In this Act:

9 (1) The term “Environmental Impact State-
10 ment for the 2007–2012 5 Year OCS Plan” means
11 the Final Environmental Impact Statement for
12 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Pro-
13 gram: 2007–2012 (April 2007) prepared by the Sec-
14 retary of the Interior.

15 (2) The term “Multi-Sale Environmental Im-
16 pact Statement” means the Environmental Impact
17 Statement for Proposed Western Gulf of Mexico
18 OCS Oil and Gas Lease Sales 204, 207, 210, 215,
19 and 218, and Proposed Central Gulf of Mexico OCS
20 Oil and Gas Lease Sales 205, 206, 208, 213, 216,
21 and 222 (September 2008) prepared by the Sec-
22 retary of the Interior.

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